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## Questions for Auditing Laboratories

### General

Name & location of lab: **Laboratoire National Veterinaire de Rungis, Paris, France**

Private or gov't lab? **Govt.-Ministry of Agriculture**

How & when was accreditation obtained? **June 2000 accredited by the COFRAC (Committee of France Accreditation).**

How & how often is accreditation maintained? **COFRAC- Minimum once and maximum twice a year.**

When and how is payment for analysis provided? **After reporting**

Are results released before payment is received? **Yes**

### Methodology for HACCP *Salmonella* samples (regulatory labs)

Does this lab analyze HACCP *Salmonella* samples? **Yes**

How are HACCP *Salmonella* samples received & recorded? **Samples are collected and brought to the laboratory by the laboratory personnel.**

Are HACCP *Salmonella* samples analyzed on the day of receipt? **No (within one week).**

What method(s) is used for HACCP *Salmonella* samples? **AOAC ISO 6575**

Is it a qualitative method (i.e. +/- result)? **Yes**  
Are HACCP ground beef samples analyzed for *Salmonella*? **NA**

— What is the size of the ground beef test portion? **N/A**

What buffer is used: **Buffered Peptone Water**

Sponge samples for *Salmonella*? **Yes**

Poultry rinsates for *Salmonella*? **Yes**

*Salmonella* ground beef sample homogenates? **N/A**

Analytical controls are employed for each set of samples. **Yes**

How are HACCP *Salmonella* results expressed? **Positive or negative**

How are HACCP *Salmonella* results recorded: *logbook*

Data sheets/work sheets?

and/or Log books?

How and to whom are HACCP *Salmonella* results reported? *By mail to establishment management*

Are "check" samples periodically used to test the proficiency of the lab and analysts for *Salmonella* testing? *Yes*

Methodology for HACCP generic *E. coli* samples (in-plant or other private labs)

Does this lab analyze HACCP generic *E. coli* samples? *Yes*

How are HACCP *E. coli* samples received & recorded? *Samples are collected and brought by the laboratory personal.*

Are HACCP *E. coli* samples analyzed on the day of receipt? *No - within one week*

What method is used for HACCP generic *E. coli* samples? *AOAC ISO 6575*

Is it a quantitative method? *Yes*

What buffer is used: *Buffered Peptone Water*

*E. coli* sponge samples? *Yes*

Poultry rinsates for generic *E. coli*? *Yes*

Are analytical controls are employed for each set of samples? *Yes*

How are HACCP *E. coli* results calculated and/or expressed? *Quantitative*

How are *E. coli* results recorded: *Log books*

Data sheets/work sheets?

Log books?

How and to whom are HACCP *E. coli* results reported? *By mail to establishment management*

Are "check" samples periodically used to test the proficiency of the lab and analysts for generic *E. coli* testing? *Yes*